

REMARKS

The Examiner issued a restriction election requirement based upon the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-16, 30-35

Group II: Claims 17-29

Group III: Claim 36

The Examiner claims that the claims are directed to patentably distinct species as follows:

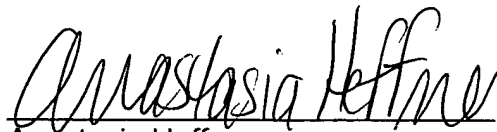
Species I as drawn to Figure 1

Species II as drawn to Figure 4

Species III as drawn to Figure 8

The Examiner is requiring Applicant to elect a single species for prosecution on the merits and identify claims readable thereon. Applicant elects Species III as drawn to Figure 8 and identifies claims 1 – 16 and 30 – 33 as readable thereon. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorneys for the Applicant via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

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